

**Office of Assessment Weekly Update #18 Jan. 13, 2017**

ACCESS 2.0 and ACCESS Alt test window opens on January 30, 2017. Yutzil, Joe and I are looking forward to seeing many of you next week at the ACCESS 2.0 workshops. Reminders with details on what to bring were sent to all registered participants on Jan. 12, 2017. The power point is posted on the [Assessment Workshop Presentations and Webinars](#) page.

**Assessment Tip of the Week:** Districts no longer have the ability to set text-to-speech or read aloud for ELA passages or print-on-demand accommodations in TIDE. A memo describing the process for submitting documentation along with the appropriate documents are available under [Important Testing Documents](#). All requests must be submitted by February 15, 2017.

**ACCESS 2.0 and ACCESS Alt** There are several updates for ACCESS 2.0 related to preparation for test administration:

1. The ACCESS 2.0 and ACCESS Alt students are loaded in the WIDA AMS system so now is the time to make the list of students who will need to be added to system.
2. The process for adding new students and ordering additional materials will be covered during the January ACCESS 2.0 workshops.
3. Please start work with your Tech staff to update the browser needed for ACCESS 2.0 administration. Information on [technology requirements](#) can be found in the Technology User Guide. The technology coordinator or appropriate staff will need a WIDA AMS account.

**Reminder: All-in-One installation of the TSM Webinar**

. This is an important topic for those Districts testing just a few ELLs with ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Online. A software overview and the *Quick Start* installation, also known as the *All-in-One* installation, of the Testing Site Manager (TSM) and the INSIGHT secure browser will be provided. DRC IT staff will be available to answer questions.

- o Jan. 19, 1:00 – 2:00 pm CST
- o [Event Link](#)

The full schedule of upcoming webinars is available at [www.wida.us/accesswebinars](http://www.wida.us/accesswebinars) in the right column. One recording of each webinar topic presented so far, including the Dec. 13 presentation on this topic, can be found at:

<https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS%202.0/WebinarRecordings.aspx>.

4. Make sure staff have updated WIDA AMS accounts and are completing required trainings as needed for the different components. All trainings are accessed through the [WIDA secure portal](#).

**Winter Assessment Workshops**

Workshops for Smarter Balanced, MSAA, and Science have been scheduled and registration is available through [GoSignMeUp!](#)

February 7, 2017	Lake Area Technical Institute	Watertown, SD
February 8, 2017	Southeast Technical Institute	Sioux Falls, SD
February 9, 2017	Ramkota	Pierre, SD
February 10, 2017	Ramkota	Rapid City, SD

### **South Dakota Science and South Dakota Science Alt assessment Update**

The updated portal and student secure browser will be available in mid-February. Basic details will be covered during the Winter Assessment workshops and webinars will be offered in March for specific elements of the test administration process.

### **High School Students Update**

High school students are expected to test in 11<sup>th</sup> grade for accountability. If a student doesn't test as an 11<sup>th</sup> grader, then the student tests as a 12<sup>th</sup> grader. There are specific business rules surrounding the expectations and districts with students who need to test as 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be provided with information at the end of January. At that point, the districts are responsible for ensuring all students participate in the required tests.

### **Home School Testing**

The Office of Assessment is in the final stages of working out details for ordering SAT 10 tests for home school students in grades 4, 8, and 11. At this time, be in contact with home school families to determine numbers of tests needed. All information will be posted under [Home School](#).